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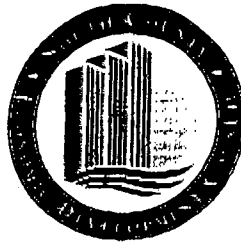
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Dear Ms. Stillings,

A top priority of the South County Economic Development Council is planning for our region's energy needs. The economy of the region clearly depends on it.

The San Diego Regional Energy Infrastructure Study is a starting point in planning efforts and the on-going discussion of how to meet the region's energy future. The report indicates that the San Diego region urgently needs to plan for more energy infrastructure.

As indicated in your study, the San Diego region needs more transmission to deliver energy to the region. Indeed, the state has already allocated several long-term power supply contracts to the San Diego area, minimizing the need for more local generation, but maximizing the need for additional transmission capacity. San Diego Gas & Electric is addressing the need for additional energy transmission infrastructure through its proposal for the Valley-Rainbow Interconnect. The South County Economic Development Council strongly urges you to recommend this urgently needed infrastructure project in your final report.

Please include this letter in your record. The South County Economic Development Council, representing businesses in Chula Vista, Coronado, Imperial Beach, San Ysidro, Otay Mesa, and National City, would like to voice our support for the Valley Rainbow Interconnect. We believe that the economic prosperity of our region depends on it.

Sincerely,